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By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Romero, Linville, Fisher, Jarrett, Cody, Dickerson, Veloria, Barlean, Simpson, Rockefeller, Dunshee, Hunt, Cairnes, Schmidt, Edwards, Upthegrove, Miloscia, Anderson and Wood)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the joint task force on green building; creating
2 new sections; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that citizens in many
5 communities desire homes that, in addition to being well-built and
6 affordable, are also environmentally "friendly." In addition to the
7 public demand for low-impact development and its environmental
8 benefits, the legislature also finds that low-impact developments have
9 significant potential to reduce the costs of storm water management,
10 energy generation, road construction, and other local infrastructure
11 costs for our communities. The legislature further finds that a number
12 of new programs have been developed over the past few years, both
13 within the state and across the country, to promote and provide for
14 low-impact development.

15 The legislature therefore finds that there is a need to evaluate
16 local and national low-impact development programs to identify how the
17 state government can play a positive role in facilitating local efforts
18 to meet public demand for more livable communities and to reduce the
19 environmental and social costs of our current development practices.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint task force on green building
2 is created, to consist of ten members including:

3 (a) Two members of the house of representatives to be appointed by
4 the speaker of the house, including the chair;

5 (b) Two members of the senate to be appointed by the senate
6 majority leader;

7 (c) One member from the office of community development;

8 (d) One member representing the residential building industry;

9 (e) One member representing the commercial building industry;

10 (f) One member representing cities;

11 (g) One member representing counties; and

12 (h) One member representing the environment.

13 (2) Legislative members for the task force shall be reimbursed for
14 travel expenses as provided in RCW 44.04.120. The staff of senate
15 committee services and the office of program research of the house of
16 representatives shall provide support to the task force.

17 (3) The chair shall appoint experts and advisors as nonvoting
18 members of the task force to provide information on various subjects.
19 The task force shall establish rules of procedure at its first meeting.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The joint task force on green building
21 shall:

22 (1) Complete a thorough study of cities and counties that offer a
23 form of green building and low-impact development codes to:

24 (a) Determine components of the different programs that are
25 effective and what is ineffective;

26 (b) Determine incentives and disincentives to implementing a green
27 building program;

28 (c) Study existing green building standards or programs, such as
29 Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED), Build a Better
30 Kitsap, Build a Better Clark County, the National Institute of
31 Standards and Technology Building for Environmental and Economic
32 Sustainability (BEES), the United States Environmental Protection
33 Agency's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program (EPP), and the
34 National Institute of Building Sciences Whole Building Design Guide
35 (WBDG); and

36 (d) Identify the potential for low-impact development to reduce
37 costs of storm water management, road building, and other
38 infrastructure needs; and

1 (2) Commence the study within thirty days of adjournment sine die
2 of the 2002 regular session, and present a final report of its findings
3 and any recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2003.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires March 30, 2003.

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